



Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1642

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BUSSE *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/675,650

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Benign and Malignant Prostate
Tissues**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 16, 2002 (Paper No. 19), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."